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SUBJ: GERMAN-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 5, FRG POL COUNSELOR CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL VISIT TURKEY LATER THIS SPRING, PROBABLY IN MAY. HE SAID THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT VIEWS SCHMIDT'S VISIT AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN BALANCING RECENT VISITS BY SCHMIDT AND OTHER FRG SENIOR OFFICIALS TO ATHENS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE RECENT VISIT OF DEFMIN LEBER, THE SCHEDULED VISIT IN MARCH OF MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND SCHMIDT'S AS YET UNANNOUNCED VISIT HAVE AS THEIR PRIMARY GOAL TO CONVINCE TURKEY THAT TURKS ARE STILL CONSIDERED AS EUROPEANS AND IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.

2. FRG POL COUNSELOR ALSO SAID THAT THE LONG-AWAITED VISIT OF SPD CHAIRMAN BRANDT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SPD AND THE TURKISH REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED INDEFINITELY AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY
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